

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAFAYETTE PUBLIC UTILITIES AUTHORITY OF THE CITY-PARISH OF LAFAYETTE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 26, 20002.

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL: Jerry Trumps, (Chair), Chris Williams, Louis C. Benjamin, Jr., Marc Mouton, Rob Stevenson

ABSENT: None

COUNCIL STAFF: Norma Dugas (Clerk), Veronica Williams, (Assistant Clerk), Anne Patin (Senior Administrative Assistant)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Walter S. Comeaux, Jr. (City-Parish President), Glenn Weber (CAO), Becky LaLumia (Associate CAO/Finance Management), Benny Soulier (Director of Administrative Services), Chief Ronald Boudreaux (Police Department), Chief Robert Benoit (Fire Department), Robert Benoit (Director of Planning, Zoning and Codes), Gerald Boudreaux (Director of Parks & Recreation), Terry Huval (Utilities Director), Tim Breaux (Director of Community Development), John Raines (Public Works Director), Steve Dupuis (Legal Counsel), Tony Tramel (Director of Transportation)

COMMENCEMENT

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(004) AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to order.

Chair Jerry Trumps called the Special Lafayette Public Utilities Authority Meeting of September 26, 2002 to order.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(005) AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: O-026-2002(LPUA) An ordinance of the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority (LPUA) approving the Operating and Capital Budgets of the Utilities Department for the fiscal year beginning November 1, 2002 and ending October 31, 2003.

1. A motion was offered by Stevenson, seconded by Mouton to adopt O-026-2002(LPUA) as amended (amendment being to add a Section 4(a) to read as follows: *“Whereas a Market Aligned Pay Plan (MAPP) is pending for the Utilities Department with a list of 37 classifications identified for inclusion in the MAPP, vacancies in these positions are expected to be difficult to fill until full implementation of the MAPP can be accomplished. Current vacancies of these MAPP positions have been included in this budget at the midpoint pay of the current pay plan. In the event that additional MAPP positions become vacant during the fiscal year before the implementation of the MAPP, the Associate CAO-Finance & Mgt, through the City-Parish President, is authorized to effect changes to Utilities Department salary accounts as needed to provide funding up to the midpoint pay of the current pay plan through intra-departmental, administrative budgetary revisions.”*) and with the General Amendments.
2. An amendment was offered by Stevenson, seconded by Mouton to reduce the Utility Replacement Car line item by \$63,500.00 (pertains to “people-moving” passenger vehicles only, under 100,000 miles), and the vote was as follows:
YEAS: Williams, Benjamin, Stevenson
NAYS: Trumps, Mouton
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None
Motion was approved.

Huval rebutted Stevenson’s motion stating that these vehicles were approved by Vehicle Maintenance before coming before the Council. Many of these vehicles are not “top-of-the-line” and some are not cost-effective to keep them. One particular vehicle is a 1989 Chevrolet truck with 65,000 miles and the major repairs put on this truck in 2002 was a complete brake job and blown head gasket. It is used by the Foreman to be able to check jobs and to be there when crews need him. Another vehicle, a 1989 S-10 pickup truck with 63,000 miles, is called by employees “deathtrap” because the doors fly open when

it turns corners. Mr. Stevenson reminded that his motion only involved cars, not trucks.

Weber suggested that the Council let Vehicle Maintenance conduct an informed survey to make those decisions. This motion placed LCG at risk, in particular, when you consider the O & M cost to these vehicles. Stevenson informed Mr. Weber that the Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor told him it was not his decision to make.

3. The Chair then called for the vote on the ordinance as amended, and the vote was as follows:
YEAS: Williams, Benjamin, Trumps, Mouton, Stevenson
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None
Motion was unanimously approved.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(149) AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Adjourn.

There being no further business to come before the LPUA, Chair Trumps declared the meeting adjourned.

NORMA A. DUGAS
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL